GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has been designated as the nodal agency for coordinating voluntary efforts in development and act as an inter face between the government and the voluntary agencies;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission has decided to have joint collaborative machinery; and

(c) if so, the extent to which Planning Commission has been successful in coordinating voluntary efforts in development?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) A Joint Machinery for collaboration between Government and Voluntary Sector was constituted during 1994 with the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission as its Chairperson and DG, CAPART as its Member-Secretary. The second meeting of the Joint Machinery was held on 2nd June 2000. Consequent to the decision of designating Planning Commission as the nodal agency during March 2000, a Standing Committee of Secretaries on VOs/NGOs has also been constituted in June 2000 to coordinate and review inter-ministerial policy issues related to Voluntary Organisations. This will help in coordinating voluntary efforts in development.